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Title: ENHANCEMENT TECHNIQUE FOR ASYMMETRICAL PRINT RESOLUTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action dated 22 March 20002, and prior to examination respecting the RCE documents submitted herewith, kindly amend the application as follows:

Please enter the previously submitted Substitute Specification, along with the proposed amendments thereto previously submitted July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002 as set forth separately from the claims on the attached Addendum.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A technique for bilevel printing of [a] an image or figure comprising: